te billows from an area of the Lebanese coastal city of Sidon

stated last week by the shelling of Israel's rightist allies in Sou-

Syria claims U.S.

)Kd Israeli attack

(UT, May 1 (A.P.) - Syria accused the United States for the

ime today of giving Israel the "green light" to shoot down two

e charge was made by a senior aide of Syrian President Hafez Al

d in a speech at an eight-hour May Day parade in Damascus, as

Inited States pressed its diplomatic drive to defuse the Lebanese

he U.S. role has been to give Israel the green light and blessing

calate its aggressions against the Palestinians and the Lebanese

le in Lebanon." said Souhil Masharka, undersecretary of Syria's

trael even went as far as to provoke the Arab Deterrent Force,

rmy of Lebanese legitimacy, in order to maintain tension and

ished among various Lebanese factions," said Mr. Masharka,

stood next to Mr. Assad on the reviewing stand of the parade.

e U.S. State Department denied that Washington sanctioned

day's Israeli strike but American government officials refrained

public criticism of the Israeli action that prompted Syria to

SAM-6 anti-aircraft missiles into Lebanon for the first time

aeli warplanes crashed the sound barrier in several flights over

hern Lebanon today but stayed well beyond the range of the

'in surface-to-air missiles installed in Eastern Lebanon's Bekaa

ey. Most parts of the country were relatively free of combat

viet Ambassador to the U.S. Anatoly Dobrynin discussed the

anese crisis with State Department officials today as a U.S.

matic effort to achieve a Lebanese peace appeared to be bearing

We are doing our share," he said following today's half-hour

cretary of State Alexander Haig said the United States had

ged in "very intense diplomatic activity" over the previous 72

r. Haig leaves today for Italy and talks with NATO foreign

begun drawing up regulations and

preparing specifications for buy-

ing the crop directly from pro-

Agriculture is considering making

it standing policy to purchase loc-

ally produced wheat and other

crops on terms that would serve

the interests of farmers and boost

agricultural production in the

He added that the Ministry of

ducers, Dr. Lawzi said.

Lovernment will buy wheat

'srael's Lebanese raids

ondemned by Qadhafi

the Syrians snuffed out Lebanon's civil war in 1976.

Lebanon. (Manar Press Service photo)

n helicopter gunships in Lebanon.

g Arab Socialist Baath Party command.

speech was broadcast by Syria's state radio.

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[AN, May 1 (J.T.) — The

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s, aimed at achieving a peace.

It will be warmer, with northwesterly moderate winds. In Aqaba, it will be hazy and partly cloudy, with northerly moderate winds and calm seas.

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'Big strides in a short time'

Hussein praises role

of Jordanian workers

AMMAN, May 1 (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein today expressed pride in Jordanian labourers and paid tribute to the

the agricultural, industrial and

public services sectors could not

have been realised without the act-

Addressing a special Labour

Day celebration at the Palace of

Culture of Al Hussein Youth City,

King Hussein said, "The gov-

ernment will continue to offer

labourers a favourable economic

climate to help them achieve fur-

This year's Labour Day cel-

ebrations coincide with the start of

the implementation of the new

five-year economic plan which

symbolises the nation's hopes for a

brighter future, "and you are exp-

ected to implement the new plan

and fulfil the nation's asp-

irations," King Hussein said.
"Jordan with its limited res-

ources, and despite the heavy def-

ence burdens imposed on it, has

been able to realise big strides in

the economic and social spheres in

a relatively short time," King Hus-

(A.P.) - The 50-nation U.N. Afr-

ican Group held a private meeting

today that its outgoing chairman

said was "to make arrangements

for an emergency special session"

of the General Assembly on South

The United States, Britain and

France, casting altogether 12 vet-

oes in the Security Council last

West Africa, or Namibia.

"This", the King said, "has

sein pointed out.

ive participation of the workers,"

King Hussein said

ther progress.

"The country's achievements in been made possible in view of the security and stability which Jordan enjoys and owing to the relentless efforts of its labourers and cohesion among the nation's various

> King Hussein referred with deep satisfaction to the social security law which, he said. "constituted a very constructive step towards catering to the needs and welfare of labourers in Jordan."

> "The government," the King added, "is reconsidering the labour law with the purpose of introducing articles to provide labourers with a wider prospect of vocational training".
>
> The King called for "granting

> Jordanian working women all their rights and privileges on an equal footing with men since they shoulder no less a responsibility in the construction process." His Majesty also called for granting "handicapped and disabled people their rights and equal opportunities in education and employment and for giving due care to

Special U.N. session ahead

--S. Africa sanctions vetoed

South Africa to push it out of

Namibia. The vetoes climaxed a

council debate requested by the

U.N. rules provide that whe-

peace, an emergency special ses-

progress and prosperity. formance and achievements of Jordanian labourers employed in Arab states and regard their work there as a positive step towards

achievements of the labour mov-

ement and its fundamental role

in bringing about the nation's

achieving Arab economic int-egration," King Hussein said. His Majesty reminded his audience of Israel's arbitrary measures in the occupied Arab territories and its inhuman treatment

of Arab labourers there.
"Israel," the King added, "is not only mistreating our people but also is intent on usurping the water and natural resources of the occupied territories with the aim of dissipating Arab productive power and subjecting the Arab economy to Zionist dictates".

Speaking at the celebration, Labour Minister Jawad Al Anani said the labour force was behind the "great achievements of Jordan in the past".

"The new labour law which will shortly be put into effect will add to the many benefits" for workers. he said. The new law also cares for working women and offers them solving their pressing problems." numerous benefits, thus enc-"We also take pride in the per-ouraging women to join the wornumerous benefits, thus enc-



His Majesty Fing Hussein kisses the motherof-pearl cover of a copy of the Foran presented to

king force of the country, Dr. Anani said.

Also speaking at the celebration was Mr. Shaher Majali, president of the General Federation of Jordanian Trade Unions, who voiced the workers' hopes for achieving greater freedom and rights when the new labour law takes effect.

At the end of the celepration. King Hussein presented medals to a number of veteran unionists and then accepted a copy of the Koran with a mother-of-pearl cover from the president of the central council of the trade union federation.

Rydbeck: \$19m still to be found

AMMAN, May 1 (J.T.) -UNRWA Commissioner General Olof Rydbeck says the agency still has a deficit of \$19 million but it is hoped that more contributions will come before the end of this year.

Mr. Rydbeck spoke yes-terday at a meeting at the Wadi Seer vocational training centre of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees. He left for the occupied West Bank of Jordan today after arriving in Amman on Wednesday for talks with His Majesty King Hussein and top government officials.

Mr. Rydbeck said yesterday that the funds received by the agency so far will enable its schools to remain open until the end of September. How-ever, he said UNRWA will have to use a \$11 million reserve left over from last year to keep the schools open until additional contributions arrive.

He refused to reply to a question about why UNRWA employees were not given cost of living allowances despite last year's \$11 million surplus. But Mr. Rudbeck stressed that the termination of the services of UNRWA employees is not the agency's responsibility but that

of the U.N. secretary general. In reply to another question, he said UNRWA employs 16,800 people, only 83 of whom are of international sta-

But he refused to be involved in an argument about the latter's salaries.

Mr. Rydbeck also said that the Jordanian government has offered UNRWA a suitable headquarters and other facilities and that he was still considering the offer.

Caught in a cold snap? Warmth is on the way

By Radwan Abu Faraj Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN, May 1 - Jordanians ambushed by the unseasonably cold weather of the past few days should begin to feel some relief from tomorrow onward, the meteorology department says.

People who had confidently put their winter woollens in storage with sighs of relief had to drag them out again yesterday and Wednesday, when daytime temperatures in Amman struggled only as high as 18 or 19 degrees Centigrade--eight to nine degrees lowerthan normal for this time of year. Readings elsewhere in Jordan were. similarly below par.

The culprit is a high-pressure area that formed over northeastern Europe and brought a cold front advancing to the eastern Mediterranean area, Mr. Rafik Shaker, assistant director of the meteorology department, told the Jordan Times today.

Before the cold invasion, Jordan had been enjoying unseasonably warm weather thanks to a hot-air depression that developed lastweek over the Red Sea and North Africa, bringing warm winds rushing in from low in the Arabian Peninsula, Mr. Shaker said.

But relief is on the way. A high-pressure ridge extending from Turkey to northern Egypt promises to bring balmier weather beginning tomorrow, the weathermen predict--and maybe then you can put away those pullovers and heavy socks for the summer.

Churchill considered germ, gas attacks on Nazis, records show

LONDON, Mav 1 (A.P.) - Toward the end of World War II. Prime Minister Winston Churchill ordered the British military to make a "cold-blooded calculation" on whether to drench Germany with poison gas and to prepare a germ-warfare attack that could have killed 3 million people, according to recently unearthed war documents.

"It is absurd to consider morality on this topic," Mr. Churchill wrote to the military chiefs of staff, the documents show. "It is simply a question of fashion changing, as she does between long and short skirts for women."

The war documents were discovered in Britain's Public Record Office by Mr. Robert Harris, a reporter for the British Broadcasting Corp. He was studying World War II biological weapons for a television documentary

being screened tonight. The documents included a feasibility study for a one-day attack on Germany by Allied bombers carrying cattle anthrax, a virulent

infectious disease. Dr. Rex Watson, director of Britain's secret chemical warfare operation during the war, told the BBC that if the plan had been carried out Berlin would still be uni-

nhabitable today. Mr. Churchill ordered the mil-



1944 to determine whether it would be feasible to use poison; mustard gas and germ warfare ifthe German's V-I buzz bombs and V-2 rockets threatened the nation or if the war could be shortened by one year, according to the documents.

The plans were never put into operation in one document, Mr. Churchill instructed his military chiefs to make "a cold-blooded" calculation" on the use of poison. gas, "by which I mean principally mustard."

"I want the matter studied in cold blood by sensible people and not by that particular set of psalm-singing, uninformed defeatists which one runs across now here, now there, Mr. Churchili-

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After 4-day Gulf visit

Saudis are key partners: Schmidt

Muammar Qadhafi chats with Yugoslav President Cvijetin Mijic during the Libyan leader's visit to Belgrade. (AP, wirephoto) GRADE, May 1 (A.P.) - Libyan leader Col. Muammar Qadeft here today after joining Yugoslav leaders in condemning ased Israeli activities against Syrian forces in south Lebanon,

slavia's official Tanjug news agency reported. three days of talks here, the Yugoslav and Libyan leaders also 'd to step up bilateral economic cooperation, Tanjug said. ortly after Col. Qadhafi called on Yugoslavia to joint Libya in sing Israeli activities in Lebanon yesterday. Syria's state radio unced that Libyan troops had been put at Syrian disposal. ael has recently shot down two Syrian helicopter gunships in

njug said Col. Qadhafi was seen off at Belgrade's airport by Mr. tin Mijatovic, president of Yugoslavia's collective presidency. y Yugoslav Foreign Secretary Josip Vrhovec.

eaking at a state dinner Wednesday night, Col. Qadhafi said slavia and Libya "share the deep concern for the war escalation ael in the south of Lebanon," Tanjug reported. asident Mijatovic said Yugoslavia is "deeply embittered by the

ssive moves of Israel" in Lebanon. il. Qadhafi, who arrived here after talks in Moscow with Soviet ers, also said Arab countries should close ranks to combat Israeli

ımascus Radio said the decision to place Libyan forces at Syrian isal was made in an early morning phone call yesterday to Syrian dent Hafez Al Assad.



to sell modern weapons to the kin-

In talks with Saudi officials, Mr.

Schmidt informed the Riyadh

government that West Germany

cannot at this time sell Saudi Ara-

bia the arms it wants because of a

West German law forbidding the

Saudi Arabia had wanted to

purchase some 300 Leopard II

tanks and other armoured vehicles

from West-Germany.

sale of weapons to "areas of ten-

Mr. Schmidt said that the law is being reviewed with the possibility that West German weapons could be made available to Saudi Arabia in the future.

Mr. Schmidt said the Saudi govemment showed understanding for the touchy situation and said the arms decision would not affect the sale of Saudi oil to West Germany, the newspaper reported.

Saudi Arabia is one of West Germany's major oil suppliers. Before leaving Abu Dhabi yesterday, Mr. Schmidt said his country supports the UAE and other Gulf countries in their quest to keep the region free from sup-erpower rivalries and foreign int-

ervention. Addressing a press conference at the end of his two-day visit to Abu Dhabi and talks with UAE officials, Mr. Schmidt be sensed the desire of the leaders of the region to defend themselves and their resolve to keep foreign military forces off their territories.

Answering a question about the Middle East crisis, Mr. Schmidt said his government envisages a solution based on the European Economic Community (EEC) views that call in part for recognising the Palestinians' right to self-determination.

He said the EEC views include the right of the Palestinians to be represented and be able to organise themselves within the framework of a state of their own. Mr. Schmidt underscored the

necessity of allowing the Palestine Liberation Organisation to take part as a major partner in any settlement to the Middle East que-

He also said that all countries of the Middle East, including Israel, have a right to live within secure and recognised boundaries.

Asked if Bonn would recognise the PLO, Mr. Schmidt said this will depend on the organisation's. stance toward Israel's right to live within secure borders. West Germany, he said, did not

participate in the U.S.-sponsored Camp David peace drive between Egypt and Israel because "it achieved no success.

Mr. Schmidt's visit to Saudi Arabia and the UAE was viewed in the latter state as an attempt to consolidate Bonn's direct bridges with the Gulf states and the Arabs **EFFECTIVE MAY 4 1981**

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continued heavy fighting with Iranian troops, mainly in Iran's western Kermanshah Province, and said a total of 471 of the enemy were killed over the last 24 hours. A communique released by the official Iraqi News Agency (INA)

said Iraq lost 35 men killed in all sectors during the same period. For several days now, fighting has been reported in the province's Sar-e-Pol-e-Zahab region where, the communique said, and 317 Iranians were killed and nine tanks destroyed vesterday and today. Three of the tanks were knocked out during a raid by helicopters

today, it added In the Gilan Gharb region in the same province, 49 Iranians were reported to have lost their lives. In addition, 53 Iranians were killed in the Abadan region of oil-producing Khuzestan Province, the

Iran claimed today that its troops recaptured an area near the town of Dezful in Khuzestan and killed more than 60 Iraqi troops, state

The Iranian joint staff said more than 100 Iraqi soldiers were wounded and 39 others taken prisoner in the operation by Iran's

Dezful, site of a major air base and oil pumping station, has repeatedly come under missile and artillery attack from Iraqi forces.

told reporters:

"The African Group is going to meet to take stock of the voting last night and to make arrangements for the emergency spe-

in 24 hours whenever a majority

of the members of the council or

The group chairman for April,

the assembly so requests.

cial session. I cannot tell you prethere will be an emergency special

zanian Ambassador Paul M.

to say it was not a surprise.

Mr. Botha said in Pretoria, "At this stage I do not wish to say anything further in that connection."

that "the vendetta against South Africa continues. This was done despite the fact that reasonable and fair resolutions were made in the Security Council and South Africa also put her position in a reasonable manner.

Council continues with this kind of action and attitude it will become increasingly difficult to find a solution," he said. A majority of council members voted for sanctions last night. (Related story on

471 Iranian troops fall in Kermanshah fighting

UNITED NATIONS, May 1 olutions for sanctions against

BEIRUT, May 1 (R) - The Iraqi high command today reported

radio reported.

ground forces, which it said included hand-to-hand fighting. The joint staff communique did not say where exactly the battle

took place and which part of the front was recaptured.

African Group and spread out Ugandan Ambassador Olara Otunnu, held a news conference before convening the group and never the veto prevents council action to preserve or restore sion of the General Assembly to

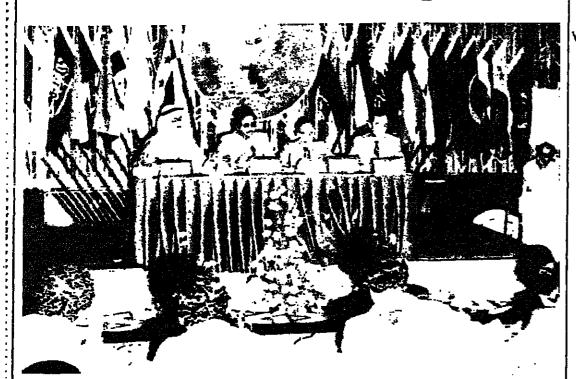
The chairman for May is Tan-

South African Foreign Minister Pik Botha today declined to comment on the triple veto of sanctions against his country, except

The sanctions' push showed

"If the majority of the Security

Arab satellite meeting ends



AMMAN, May 1 (J.T.) - The Arab Satellite Communication: Organisation (Arabsat) concluded a two-day meeting in Amman last night.

A statement read out at the end of the final ession announced that the manufacture of the Arab satellite was awarded to one of the four bidding firms, and that a technical committee has been set up to conclude the contract with that firm before May 20.

It is hoped that the satellite will be launched within 30 months, the statement said.

According to the final statement, Arabsat's capital is to be doubled, to \$200 million. The capital was partly raised during the conference, when a number of Arab states bought 496 shares. The remaining 237 shares (each costing \$100,000) must be sold during the coming three months.

Also according to the statement a new Arabsat board of directors has been set up, with representatives of Saudi Arabia, Libya, Yuwait, the United Arab Emirates, Iraq, Jordan, Tunisia, Palestine and Sudan.

According to Arabsat Secretary General Ali Mashat, the satellite will be launched using the U.S. Space shuttle by the end of 1983, and is expected to make available 8,000 telephone circuits, in addition to channels to be used by television sta-

Special occasions in Irbid



IRBID, May 1 (Petra) — A boarding kindergarten for orphans was opened here on Wednesday by the deputy governor of Irbid. The kindergarten accommodates 38 orphans aged between five and six years, who will receive care and instruction from specialised teachers (above). Also in Irbid, a class ending a nine-day training course on maternity care. A special graduation ceremony was held at the mother and child care centre, and the midwives received diplomas from the Health Ministry's director of mother and child care centres (below).



Mineral resources conference condemns Med-Dead canal plan

eral Resources last night condemned Israel's plan to construct a canal across the occupied Gaza Strip linking the Mediterranean and the Dead Sea.

The condemnation came in a final statement at the conclusion of the two-day conference. It said that the Israeli plan is considered a provocative action and will have grave consequences since it adversely affects Arab countries' interests and violates international

The conference adopted His Majesty King Hussein's opening speech as an official document representing the Arab strategy on mineral resources. It also endorsed recommendations of a seminar on solid energy-producing

AMMAN. May 1 (J.T.) — The fourth Arab Conference on Minference, and the main working paper that was reviewed by the Arab delegates.

The conference called on Arab states to increase their investments in mining projects, and urged Arab states which are not members of the Arab Organisation for Mineral Resources to join the organisation.

The conference also set up a committee, of representatives of Sudan and Tunisia and the deputy director of the Jordanian Natural Resources Authority, to pursue the implementation of the conference's resolutions.

At the conclusion of the conference the delegates decided to hold the fifth Arab Conference on Mineral Resources in Khartoum,

Franco-Jordanian cooperation team concludes Paris meeting

PARIS, May 1 (Petra) - The Franco-Jordanian technical and cultural cooperation committee concluded its sixth meeting here last

During the two-day meeting, the committee discussed ways of boosting cultural and technical cooperation in television programming and in training Jordanians to be television announcers and scriptwriters in France.

It also discussed cooperation in archaeological excavations, and exhibitions of Jordanian antiquities in France, as well as the teaching of French in Jordan and Arabic at French universities.

The talks were within the framework of a bilateral technical agreement signed by France and Jordan in 1965.

The head of the French side at the committee meeting was Mr. Michel Andre, deputy director of the science and development department at the French foreign ministry; and the Jordanian side was led by Secretary General of the National Planning Council Basil

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

AMMAN, May 1 (J.T.) - Jordan Television has increased its daily transmission time by one hour, starting today. A television announcement said transmission will start at 4:30 p.m. instead of 5:30 p.m. every day, except for Friday, when transmission normally starts

AMMAN, May 1 (J.T.) - The central traffic committee has approved a request that a bus company be set up to replace the taxi service now operating between Amman and Irbid. The request was made by owners and drivers of the taxis running between the two

MMAN May 1 (Petra) — The University of Jordan and Yarmoul University have approved a proposal of the establishment of a specialised institute to train translators. The proposal was made by the Arab language academy in view of the increased demand for truuslators, and the use of Arabic at the U.N. and other international organisations. Plans for establishing the institute are expected to be worked out in the coming few months, a University of Jordan source

MAFRAQ, May 1 (Petra) - The Development Bank for Municipalities and Village Councils has agreed to grant a JD 30,000 loan to the Umm Al Sirab village council for opening roads, bank sources said. In addition, the Mafraq District government has endorsed the JD 51 (00) budget of Umm Al Qutain village council, for roads and school buildings.

AMMAN, May 1 (J.T.) — Representatives of various public-sector groups have sent cables to His Majesty $^{\rm V}$ ing Hussein expressing renewed allegiance and support for his leadership; and denouncing the Syrian campaign directed against Jordan. With this campaign, the Syrian rulers are trying to distort facts and undermine the solidarity of the Arabs, the cables said. They were sent by municipal and village councils, heads of tribal groups and representatives of youth org-

AMMAN, May 1 (J.T.) - The second Arab conference on mathematics and physics will open here on Monday under the patronage of His Majesty King Hussein. The conference, organised by the Arab mathematicians' and physicists' federations, will be attended by delegates from all over the Arab World. They will discuss 60 research papers in physics and 41 in mathematics. The University of Jordan and Yarmouk University will be represented at the conference.

AMMAN, May 1 (Petra) - Health Minister Zuhair Malhas is due to leave for Geneva tomorrow at the head of a delegation to attend the World Health Organisation's (WHO's) 34th meeting, which is scheduled to open on May 4. Deteriorating health conditions in the occupied Arab territories and the transfer of WHO's regional office. from Alexandria to Amman will be among the major topics to be discussed at the meeting. Dr. Malhas said. The minister will be accompanied by a three-member delegation.

Conferring on UNRWA



U.N. Relief and Workes Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA) Commissioner General Olof Rydbeck, who crossed the Fing Hussein Bridge into the West Bank on Friday, is shown at centre

above during a meeting on Wednesday with Pr Minister Mudar Badran. Director of UNR. Affairs in Jordan John Tanner is scated at Rydbeck's right.

Illustrious interpreter



This studio portrait of a dragoman in full regalia by the late 19th-century photographer Felix Bonfils is one of many fascinating images now on display at the Jordan National Gallery of Fine Ar (See What's Going On)

PREQUALIFICATION INVITATION

The Ministry of Health of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan intends to put into a bid all its hospital general services, which includes Housekeeping, Catering, Laundry and Maintenance of Building and Grounds.

All qualified and Experienced firms in this field are invited to enter into this prequalification invitation.

All prequalification documents must reach this Ministry before May 15, 1981. For further details please contact the Head of the General Services Division of this Ministry.

Ministry of Health

JD 8m 'land port' planned near Sahab

AMMAN, May 1 (J.T.) - The urban region planning department has reportedly completed work on designs for a huge overland traasport terminal, or "land port". near Sahab, southeast of here.

A report in Al Ra'i newspaper said the terminal, to be set up on a 2,000 dunum tract, will cost nearly,

Work will start soon on the pro-

ject, whose site will be connected by rail to the Hijaz Railway line to the east, the paper said. It added that the project entails the construction of offices to house commercial banks, money changers and customs posts, together with a parking area which can hold 8,000

The terminal will serve as a centre for distribution of goods to importers, the report said.

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WHAT'S GOING ON

Exhibitions

The British Council presents "The Age of Shakespeare", an exhibition which employs pictures, photos, slides, music, models and costumes to explore the way of life of the late 16th-century Englishman, Open from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. and 4 - 7 p.m. at the council in Jabal Amman.

Yarmouk University presents an exhibition of architectural books by professors on the staff of the university's Faculty of Engmeering, at the university's exhibition hall. Today is the last day of the exhibition.

The Harvard Semitic Museum, in cooperation with the ministries of culture and youth and tourism and antiquities, presents an exhibition of Middle East "Photographs from the Last Century". at the National Gallery of Fine Arts in Jaba! Luweibdeh.

"City of Amman", an exhibition of the work of Italian arti Daniele Scaglioni, is now on display at Yarmouk University

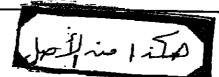
Works of art by Jordanian artists are on display in the major hote. of Aqaba, forming Jordan's National Spring Festival of art.

Film

The French Cultural Centre presents "Le Chat" (1971), based of the novel by Georges Simenon, at 7:30 p.m.

Church services

The Amman International Church and the Church of the Red-S eemer hold worship services tomorrow. See Jordan Weekly Cal-



JORDAN WEEKLY **CALENDAR**

(Week of May 2 - 8)

EXHIBITIONS

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he exhibition of work of the Italian artist Daniele Scaglioni, hich was held at the Alia Art Gallery in Amman last week, is Fuller We on display at Yarmouk University in Irbid.

TEDNESDAY, May 6: Under the patronage of Princess Wijdan li, the Nuns of Nazareth School, in cooperation with the French ultural Centre, presents an exhibition of paintings by the schof's students. The opening ceremony is at 5:30 p.m., at the rench Cultural Centre in Jabal Luweibdeh. The exhibition will : open to the public until May 8.

SPRING FESTIVAL

ordan is celebrating the Spring Festival of art in Aqaba. Several t exhibitions of work by Jordanian artists are taking place at the ajor hotels of the city.

FILMS

ATURDAY, May 2 and SUNDAY, May 3: The French Cultural entre presents "Le Chat" (1971), a film based on a novel by eorges Simenon directed by Pierre Granier Deferre, starring mone Signoret, Jean Gabin and Annie Cordy. The film tells the ory of Julien and Clemence, who have not talked since their cat ied. The show starts at 7:30 p.m., at the centre in Jabal Luw-

UESDAY, May 5: The Goethe Institute continues its women's Im series for the month of May. It presents "Lisa: Aus Dem eben Einer Unentbehrlichen" (1973), which tells the story of a ress secretary, devoted to her career, who realises her problem as woman too late. The show starts at 8 p.m., at the institute in abal Amman.

SEMINARS

he Jordanian Writer's Association organises a "Workshop of rtistic Criticism", which deals with various topics, according to e following schedule:

ONDAY, May 4: "The Relation Between Creativity and Socty", which will be discussed under the chairmanship of Dr.

UESDAY, May 5: "The Criticism Movement in Jordan", which ill be discussed under the chairmanship of Salem Al Nahas;

EDNESDAY, May 6: "Television and Film Critique", which all be discussed under the chairmanship of Mahmoud Shuqair;

HURSDAY, May 7: "The Realities of the Theatre Criticism ovement in Jordan", under the chairmanship of Jamal Abu amdan.

EDNESDAY, May 6: The Goethe Institute presents a lecture atitled "Coral Reefs in the Gulf of Aqaba", by Prof. Dr. Wolang Zacher, geologist from the Technical University in Munich. he lecture which will be followed by an 18-minute underwater n. It starts at 6 p.m., at the institute in Jabal Amman.

BRITISH LADIES

EDNESDAY, May 6: The British Ladies of Amman will hold a eeting at the Ambassador Hotel in Shmeisani, at 10 a.m. The ogramme includes a curry cooker demonstration. Creche is allable. All Commonwealth citizens are welcome to mem-

VIDEOTAPE PROGRAMMES

ONDAY, May 4: The French Cultural Centre presents the cond part of "Le mystere Frontenac", at 5 p.m. and the third isode of "La maison des bois", at 6 p.m., at the centre in Jabal weibdeh.

UESDAY, May 5: The American Centre presents a videotape mmary of CBS television news for the past week. The tape will : shown at noon and 4 p.m., at the centre's auditorium, off Third

CHURCH SERVICES

UNDAY, May 3: The Amman International Church (intnational and interdenominational) holds worship services each inday at 6 p.m. Church School for adults at 5 p.m.; nursery ovided. The church meets for worship in the Baptist School in ımeisani.

he Church of the Redeemer (C. of E./ Anglican/ Episcopal) lebrates Holy Communion at 8 p.m., and holds Morning Service : 12 noon, in addition to Evening Service at 4:30 p.m., all on

Reviving Jordan's heritage

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the first in a series of articles about handicrafts in Jordan.

> Text and photos by Mohammad Ayish Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — Anybody who walks by the medium sized building near Second Circle in Jabal Amman, just behind the Lebanese embassy, may not be impressed by its external appearance.

hand, he could feel that a cultural transition has taken place.

One is taken deeper into the Jordanian society represented by hundreds of handicraft items exhibited for sale at the Jordan Handicrafts Development Centre, which is the first of its kind in the country, according to its manager, Mrs. Abla Kawar.

At the centre, a visitor can see items such as embroidered dresses, ceramic plates and cups, straw baskets, glass jugs, stonework, bamboo chairs. assorted rugs, fur-trimmed jackets, jewelry and woodwork.

"It was some 10 years ago that a group of ladies, including me, who graduated from the Beirut University College (BUC) came together to set up what looked like a social activity to revive the Jordanian traditional heritage, provide craftsmen with a source of living, promote and merchandise their crafts," Mrs. Kawar told the Jordan Times.

"But as our activity expanded, it turned to the business side in 1979, when the handicrafts centre was officially opened, under the patronage of her Majesty Queen Noor, as the Jordan Handicrafts Development Centre Company.

"But our goals are still the same despite that transition, since we are still not as commercial as we look," Mrs. Kawar contended.

"This centre is open to any craftsman or craftswoman from here or the West Bank," she said; "otherwise how would craftsmen earn a living if nobody cares for them?" But she added that once a craftsman is given a certain design to work on or the material for any sort of handicraft, he has to do it "exclusively for the centre, and not for any outside party."

But while the centre works to promote Jordanian handicrafts and preserve the Jordanian heritof its goal of providing sufficient training for craftsmen. "We don't have any training programme now, but we are on the verge of opening handicraft workshops for trainees," Mrs. Kawar said.

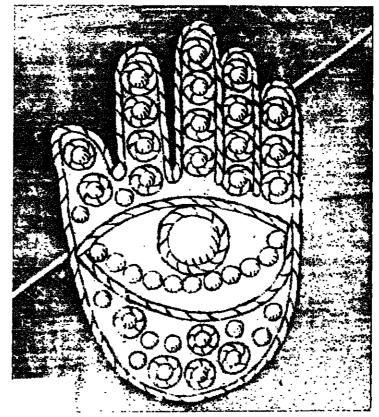
The centre's "commercial" activities take the form of the company's buying crafts from Jor-

But as he enters the hall, danian artisans at reasonable emblazoned with the figure of a prices, and selling them to cusprices, and selling them to customers. Mrs. Kawar told the Jordan Times that the centre sells only Jordanian handicrafts, and in this regard, the company functions like a national museum of handicrafts, "That also makes the centre different from other souvenir shops that deal with crafts from other countries besides Jordan," she said.

A brief tour of the exhibition hall at the centre gives the visitor a feeling of antiquity and originality. Mrs. Kawar said the centre deals with such crafts as weaving, straw work, olivewood work, ceramics, stone carving, pottery, embroidery, old and new traditional dresses and jewelry -- both silver and gold.

The employment of the hand symbol as an emblem of the centre has its roots in the character of the crafts, as well as in the heritage and culture they represent. "We use the hand emblem because everything here is made with hands and we would like to encourage those hands," Mrs. Kawar said.

She added that the emblem also derives from some cultural values and beliefs still strongly held in the ration.



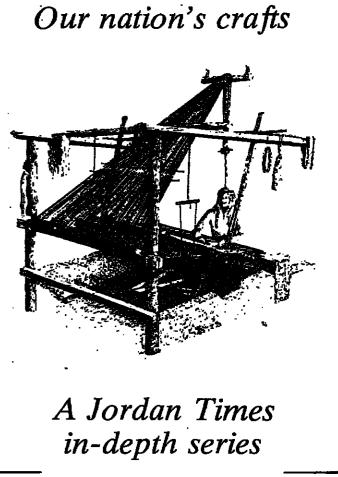
The symbolic emblem of a hand emblazons the sign outside the Jordan Handicrafts Development Centre.

traditional Jordanian society. Among those beliefs, Mrs. Kawar cited the use of the hand emblem with a blue eye in the palm to ward off the "evil eye" from property or

Besides its lack of training facilities, the centre also suffers from the shortage of information about handicrafts in Jordan, Most of the literature on the subject is written by foreign authors who lived for several years in Jordanian society and wrote their works out of curiosity and admi-

But Mrs. Kawar said that the centre is trying to collect all the necessary information about handicrafts in Jordan, and so far it has managed to produce some pamphlets about weaving.

The fact that the items exhibited at the handicrafts centre are purely traditional Jordanian products may give the impression that customers, too are confined to Jordanians who buy the items because they know how to use them. But according to Mrs. Kawar, foreign customers also constitute a large portion of the



visitors. "I would say that every member of a foreign mission in the country has been to the centre, and any visiting foreign delegation would also all here to acquaint itself at least briefly with Jordanian handicrafts," Mrs. Kawar

She added that the centre has "good contacts" with the royal court, which patronises the place a good deal.

Alia, the Royal Jordanian Airline, is also "an active customer," according to Mrs. Kawar. "Alia and the Industrial Development Bank (IDB) are shareholders of this company, and when Alia uses some of our items on its worldwide flights, we are quite sure that this is good publicity for this part of the Jordanian heritage," she said. She added that the centre is working on a big project for Alia, the production of embroidered mats to be used in its air services.

Besides its connection with Alia, the handicrafts centre has other means of letting the world know about its products. "Whenever we have any special activity, we employ all the mass media available," she said. The centre's manager added

that local exhibitions of Jordanian bandicrafts under the sponsorship of the centre also contribute to the local exhibitions, it has not taken part in any international ones. its base of business and involvein international handicrafts exhibitions," Mrs. Kawar said. Around 30 families, 15 craft-

c awareness of the crafts. But while the centre has been active in The centre is hoping to expand ment so as to be able to take part

smen, and scores of schoolgirls provide the merchandise for the centre, she said, adding that "by our sponsoring those people, they come to feel that they are being appreciated, and that encourages them to excel in their work."

On the future goals of the centre, Mrs. Kawar said she hopes' to expand its activities to include the international scene. Contact has already been established between the centre and a doll shop in the United States through the Ministry of Tourism, she said. We would like also to get more craftsmen involved, to enable younger generations to preserve the crafts as a symbol of our heritage and a source of living," she added.

The centre would like its crafts to be introduced at Jordanian hotels and cafeterias, she said to add "an oriental touch" to such

The objectives of the Handicrafts Development Centre, as defined by its charter, are to encourage and activate handicrafts connected with the Jordanian heritage; to encourage craftsmen to develop existing crafts and create new designs and shapes, and to help craftsmen obtain longterm loans as well as technical advice from the IDB.

The centre is now staffed by Mrs. Kawar, an assistant, an accountant and two other employees. Its board of directors includes representatives of the IDB, Alia, the Jordan Crafts Council, BUC graduates, the Jordan Express Tourist Transport Company (JETT) and 14 personalities interested in Jordanian

Wooden coffee grinders are among the many handicrafts for sale at the centre.

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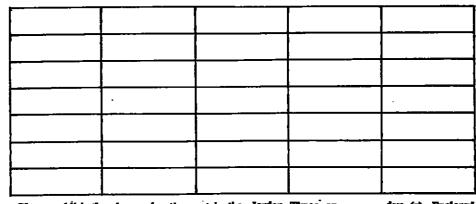
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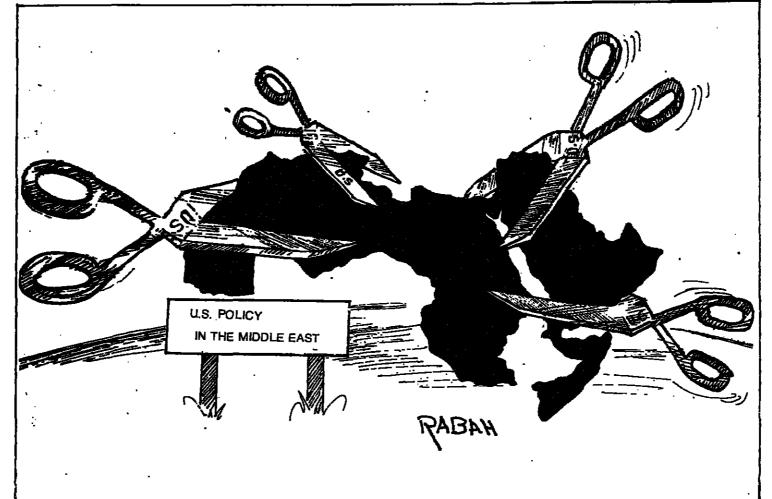
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Confusing politics

IT IS heartwarming to learn of the United States government's concern about the escalation of fighting in Lebanon, which has reached a most dangerous level with the Fraeli shooting down of two Syrian helicopters and Syria's moving into Lebanon several batteries of advanced surface .o air missiles. The concern in Washington is suddenly so intense that the American leadership has sought the aid of the Soviet Union in cooling down the situation in Lebanon. This is puzzling to us. Why is it that Washington seeks Soviet assistance now--when Israel is using American F-16s in Lebanon in clear defiance of the conditions on which the planes were supplied to Israel--but bows meekly to Zionist sensitivities when the Soviets are brought into viideast peace-making efforts by the Americans theinselves? The joint Soviet-American statement of October 1. 1977 was an unusually sensible document, reflecting a sober and tempered attitude to peace-making. But the Israelis did not want any Soviet involvement, and they put enough pressure on then President Carter to have the United States government more or less declare that the joint statement was a nice try, but not much more than that; it was quickly forgotten. Yet now, with Israel's American supplied F-16s blazing away in Lebanon, attacking Syrian, Palestinian and Lebanese targets, it is to Moscow that the American leadership turns for some help. How confusing. How very unbelievable. We wonder: Did Israel give Washington the green light to approach Moscow?



ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

AL RA'I: By celebrating Labour Day today, Jordan demonstrates a true solidarity among the various groups of its society. It is indeed a feast for the whole country and not only for a particular group or class. Cobesion and solidarity here characterise the Jordanian society and manifest cooperation among its classes to help achieve justice and equal distribution of employment and wealth.

Jordanian labourers are, indeed, partners in the progress and prosperity of this country, and this fact serves as the best reply to the falsehoods of Syrian President Hafez Al Assad, who, in a speech a few days ago, tried to distort facts about the status of labourers

In fact, it is in Syria that the labour force is most oppressed. We all know the plight of Syrian workers and the crimes which the Damascus rulers commit in the labourers' name.'

The labourers of Syria disavow themsleves from these crimes committed by a regime of murderers who can not escape unpunished, no matter how treacherous their deeds are or how long their oppression and villainy

AL DUSTOUR: The mask covering the face of the Damascus rulers and their actions in Lebanon has now dropped, and it is no longer secret that their role there is a conspiratorial one, indeed, part of an international plan for Syrian conspiracy ever since

the partition of Lebanon.

Being isolated from the rest of the Arab Nation, the Syrian rulers find themselves involved in implementing this plan and helping to subject our region to the vicious circle of international struggle.

Therefore, in order to carry out this role, the Damascus regime was forced to escalate its campaign against Jordan with the purpose of weakening the Arab stand, undermining Arab solidarity and rendering futile Arab efforts to foil enemy plans that are not only directed against Lebanon, but also are aimed at liquidating the Palestinian cause and forcing the Arab World to subordination and spheres of big power influence.

For its part, Jordan released the

Damascus tried to obstruct the convening of the 11th Arab summit in Amman last November. The Arab Nation as a whole realised the Syrian regime's plots and promptly acted to foil its malicious

The Syrian campaign directed against Jordan is only a ploy to divert public attention from the regime's suspicious role in the region and the crimes which this regime commits against the people inside Syria. The Syrian president must realise that his threats to Jordan and the falsehoods of his regime can never deceive the Arab Nation, nor can they change this country's steadfastness, and its desire to achieve Arab solidarity.

BUSINESS HORIZON

Why the favours ()

By Fahed Fan

The seventh annual report of the Housing Bank for 1980 indicates the continued growth of this successful banking institution. Although the bank was started only seven years ago, it has become the unchallenged No. 1 among specialised lending institutions, No. 1 among commercial banks in the number of branches, and second only to the Arab Bank in volume of deposits.

The report was rich in detailed information on the growing operations of the bank. The number of depositors reached a wide base of 140,000 accounts, and the financing facilities were extended to 17,000 beneficiaries, which shows that the Housing Bank's loans are spread over a big number of citizens -- unlike our commercial banks, which concentrate 50 per cent of their financing facilities in favour of less than half of one per cent of their clientele.

The financial statement depicts fast growth in every respect: Cash on hand and at banks at the year end grew by 73%, loans by 27%, financial investments by 57%, real estate investments by 71%, customers' deposits by 42%,. Equity reached JD 17.7 m., or JD 1.47 per share.

Gross fevenues of the bank during 1980 were JD 10.7 m, and net profits amounted to JD 2.67 m; the average return on assets was 6.22%, which is not lower than the rate attained by commercial banks.

The Housing Bank has thus achieved such a degree of success and financial muscle that exceptional concessions and exemptions are no longer warranted or justified. Following are some of the favours that the bank is still enjoying:

 The government's ordinary shares of JD 1 million do not earn any profits or interest. 2. The bank's profits are abs-

plutely tax exempt. 3. The bank is not yet required tomaintain with the Central Bank a legal reserve without interest equal in nature to that required of

commercial banks. 4. The law of the bank is: concessions, exemptions, and

It is our opinion tha the ernment as a shareholder s obtain its fair share of the p like any other investor, be the cost of money to the Mi of Finance is over 8.5% p.a ecially when 50% of the cap owned by non-Jordanian inte that do not deserve or expecsidies at the expense of Ju

public funds. The exemption from incon may have a negative impact c manner adopted by the ba investing its resources, and a be unfair towards other comp banks. The Housing Bank reserve kept in the Central was introduced recently, par time deposits and govern securities earning a higher re than what is available to the mercial banks.

It is high time to revise the sent charter of the bank, ar subject its activities more more to the companies and b laws, like any other bank it country. This should not be strued as a punishment for success of the bank; to the trary, it should be taken as an nowledgement of that success of the fact that the bank has i ured and become capable of ving itself in the market place hout dependence on unneces and discriminatory favours at expense of the government. We have to admit that the b

in its turn, is subsidizing hou sector borrowers, and espec the Housing Corporation, w could not have been possible it not been for the direct and irect subsidies the bank is deri from the government. I bel the Housing Bank is a net t eficiary of these two-way s sidies. I am also of the opinion subsidies of all kinds distort free market mechanism of lizing and distributing funds

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Potatoes (local)140	100	Apples (Starken) 200	180
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Cauliflower 180	100	Oranges (Shammouti) 180	180
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مكذا مذلاص

Bahrain, India: Foreign roops out of Afghanistan

Tahrain have expressed grave m over the militarisation of dian Ocean and the situation

oint statement issued at the f a four-day official visit by mir of Bahrain, Sheikh Isa ulman Al Khalifa, said these ther issues were discussed in mosphere of "great warmth. dship and mutual undiding" between the amir and a Prime Minister Mrs. Indira

statement said both leaders "with grave concern" the ion in Afghanistan and calr urgent comprehensive polsettlement of the question on isis of the withdrawal of for-

sy also called for the return ire than two million Afghan es to their homes "in safety onour", strict observance of inciple of non-intervention. interference and full respect the independence, sovity, territorial integrity and aligned status of Afgleaders expressed their grave concern over the increasing escalation of great power military presence in the area and called on these powers to progressively reduce and eventually eliminate their mil-

The amir and Mrs. Gandhi shared views on the Middle East that the situation there was a source of

itary presence.

grave danger for peace and stability of the region. They called for the immediate

On the Indian Ocean, the two withdrawal by Israel from all Arab territories occupied since June 1967. including Jerusalem. The leaders expressed their

deep concern at the continuing Iran-Iraq war and hoped both sides would resolve their differences in accordance with the principles of the non-aligned movement.

The statement said the amir expressed his support for the efforts of a non-aligned mission to restore peace in the region.

considerable scope for extending cooperation between India and Bahrain in diverse fields, and the amir said he felt Indian expertise, technology and experience could be used extensively in the development programme of Bahrain and the Arab World.

Mrs. Gandhi and President Sanjiva Reddy accepted invitations to visit Bahrain extended by the amir who left for Bombay on his way

Afghan youth attacked by rebels

MOSCOW, May 1 (R) - Members of a Soviet-style youth organisation in Afghanistan have become targets for attack by guerrillas opposed to Marxist rule, a Soviet youth newspaper reported

The newspaper, Pioneer Pravdu, said a nine-year-old child who belonged to an Afghan "pioneer" unit had been killed by rebels near the eastern town of Jal-

The paper quoted an Afghan official as saying that the guerrillas left with the child's body a mesanisation enrols children from the age of 10 to instill in them com-

The Afghan official was quoted as saving that in spite of intimidation the Afghan Pioneer

British perform autopsy on young Saudi prince

ABINGDON, England, May 1 (A.P.) — Despite initial objections from Saudi Arabia's government, an autopsy was performed yesterday on the body of Saudi Prince Abdul Aziz Faisal, who died mysteriously at his home near Oxford University.

Results of the autopsy were not disclosed, but a foreign office spokesman said "all procedures" were completed. He said the British government would attempt to facilitate early delivery of the prince's body to Saudi Arabia for a royal funeral.

The 26-year-old nephew of Saudi Arabia's King Khaled was found dead on Monday in his bed by a member of his staff at his house near Abingdon. The prince was a post-graduate student at nearby Oxford University.

Saudi Arabia had asked that no autopsy be performed on the prince. Autopsies are banned in Muslim Saudi Arabia because of religious doctrine that the human body is sacred.

The first and largest true pyr-

amid, the so-called Great Pyr-

amid, was built by the Pharaoh

Khufu (Cheops) about 4.500

years ago. An awesome eng-

ineering achievement, its four-

sided plan covers 13 acres. At a

height of 482 feet, it was one of the

largest buildings ever erected by

man and the tallest until the Eiffel

Tower was constructed in 1889.

are still shrouded in mystery, and

many scholars disagree about

their original function and how

they were actually built. Whatever

else they may be, the pyramids are

a tribute to the ancients' keen

knowledge of their environment

"The Egyptians of the past app-

ear to have learned more about

the desert than their modern cou-

nterparts," he writes. "They mas-

loitation of building materials.

tered desert exploration and exp

and resources.

Despite their age, the pyramids

the prince's death was caused by a heart attack, but an inquest was being held by the deputy coroner.

A police spokesman said there was no suggestion of "foul play." He said diet and headache pills were found by the prince's bed but said the tablets were "the sort of thing you might expect."

Diplomatic relations between Britain and Saudi Arabia have only recently begun to return to normal following the rift created by the showing of the television documentary, "Death of a Princess" last year.

Foreign Office Minister Douglas Hurd met with the Saudi Ambassador to explain the legal necessity in Britain for conducting an autopsy in this case. The Saudi embassy in London declined to discuss the prince's death.

Deputy Coroner Nicholas Gardiner, who was conducting the inquest, said he had received no request to release the body without an autopsy.

ection of north to south, but dur-

ing the windy season, the winds

blow generally from south to

north. This spring wind carries

enormous quantities of sand and

redistributes it even as it erodes

obstacles in its way. A strong gust

of wind lifts fine dust from the

pebbles and sand grains on the

desert surface and hurls it upward

toward existing conical and pyr-

amidal hills. The velocity of the

dust cloud increases as it app-

roaches the hill, releasing its ene-

landforms may also help explain

some of the mysteries surrounding

the unprecedented magnitude of

the pyramids' construction and

the manner in which they were

built. What if, he ponders, the

pyramids were built over existing

conical or pyramidal shapes, the-

reby easing the extent of the con-

revealed that an Egyptian arc-

haeologist Mr. Ahmad Fakhry

had written a book in 1961 which

described a rocky knoll of unk-

nown size lying underneath the

Great Pyramid and a big hill und-

erneath the tomb of Queen

Khent-Kawes at Giza, It. thus.

seems likely that the ancient Egy-

ptians received an assist from

Mother Nature in their mon-

El Baz also has uncovered natural,

wind-sculpted forms resembling

the Sphinx, which dates from 2500

B.C. The Sphinx, he believes, may

have originated as one aerodynamically stable landform cal-

led a yardang, which is a naturally wind-carved hill found in the western desert of Egypt and in many other deserts. A yardang resembles an inverted boat hull with its prow pointing upwind and its

"The ancient architects could have investigated such forms tho-

usands of years ago and decided to

dress up in (the Pharaoh's) image the yardang on the east side of the Great Pyramid," Dr. El Baz wri-

tes. The monumental task of scu-

lpting the Sphinx, which stands 40

feet high, would not have been as

great if the ancient Egyptians started with a yardang, already pro-

Unfortunately, today the Sphinx is showing signs of old age

and its surface is slowly eroding.

But, the damage is not due to sev-

ere wind, since the Sphinx is an aerodynamically stable structure

and allows the wind to pass by with

little friction. Rather, experts say, its peeling surface is caused by

unusual rise in the water table due

to the construction of the Aswan High Dam. Water laden with saltsseeps through the porous rock of the Sphinx and evaporates at the surface. The resulting salt crystals expand and push out thin layers of

uable lessons from what the anc-

ients had left for us to see, som-

etimes carved in eternal rock."

The Pyramids of Giza, for-

tunately, do not seem to be suffering the Sphinx's fate. "Today,

they are the only ancient wonders

still standing," Dr. El Baz says, 'and they are here to stay."

(Arab News)

rock which then peel off. "In our rush to "develop" the earth, we may neglect to learn val-

truding through the plain.

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In his desert explorations, Dr.

umental construction projects.

In fact, a search in the library

struction?

The existence of these natural

rgy into the air at the apex.

MIDDLE EAST BRIEFS

Iran celebrates May Day

with fights, arrests

TEHRAN, May 1 (R) — Iranian revolutionary guards fired into the air today to disperse an unauthorised May Day March by a small group of leftist radicals. Eye-witnesses said fights broke out between the leftists and pro-government Islamic extremists and several people were wounded. More than 100 people were arrested, they said. Interior Minister Ayatollah Reza Mahdavi Kani meanwhile called on Iranians to work harder and to resist attempts by opposition groups to disrupt production. He said work was the best weapon against the enemies of the Islamic republic. Last night he warned underground groups they would be severely opposed. The interior minister said in his speech, which was broadcast by state radio, that anti-revolutionary groups had been waging an armed struggle against the Islamic state since its foundation. They also tried to instigate workers to strike. "But the Islamic and revolutionary nation should make more efforts and work harder," he said. In post-revolutionary Algeria, Cuba and Vietnam workers doubled their efforts to reconstruct their countries, he added. President Abol Hassan Bani-Sadr said recently that Iran's gross national product had been declining by about 10 per cent a year since the revolution in February, 1979. Reduced oil exports, the war with Iraq and trade sanctions because of the holding of U.S. hostages were other factors which had weakened the economy. The big turnout at the May Day rally in support of the clergy-led government followed a campaign by authorities to stifle opposition groups. They have been accused of undermining the republic while Iran was fighting Iraq. Revolutionary leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini yesterday urged workers and peasants not to be led astray by opposition groups.

Turkish military bans May Day

celebrations, arrests 400

ISTANBUL, May 1 (A.P.) - Soldiers set up roadblocks and "Marxist-Leninist activity."

police rounded up about 400 suspected leftists to prevent illegal demonstrations today on the first May Day since the Turkish military toppled the civilian government last September. Soldiers searched cars for left-wing militants at key intersections. Police sources said most of the arrested people were unemployed youths with past offences involving petty crimes. Police expected pirate demonstrations," or spontaneous gatherings of leftist demonstrators at designated spots. The ruling military National Security Council scrapped May 1 as a public holiday and declared it will not be an occasion for leftist-inspired demonstrations. Although the day was officially known as spring day before the military coup, workers linked with the radical DISK labour confederation traditionally staged demonstrations and festivities in major Turkish cities on the day. In 1977, 34 people were killed and 200 injured when a May Day demonstration erupted into violence at Istanbul's main Taksim Plaza. The ruling generals have suspended all leftist-oriented labour activity and arrested more than 200 top leaders of the DISK confederation for alleged

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Organisation was continuing to sage saying: "This will happen to grow and now had 14,200 memanyone who joins the Pioneers." The Soviet Pioneer Org-

Will it explain the mystery?

New idea on Pyramids and Sphinx

By Madeleine Jacobs

HINGTON — Dr. Farouk ız, scientist at the Smiian Institution, may have dat least one of the mysteries e Pyramids of Giza -- why unlike the other seven wonof the ancient world, are still ing for all to admire.

answer, he says, lies in the eering and scientific acumen e ancient Egyptians. These - builders, he believes, coned the towering monuments image of natural landforms were already resistant to erosion.

ad the ancients built their ments in the shape of a cube, rise building like those of ties, a pentagon or even a im, they would have been d by the ravages of wind erolong ago." Dr. El Baz writes

Instead, they chose the pyr-DAY Man shape, which evades deson by leading the wind upsand funneling its erosive r to the peak where its eneissipates into the air." Dr. El geologist and director of the er for Earth and Planetary es at the Smithsonian's Nat-Air and Space Museum in ington came to this conafter a number of years of annual tration in the Egyptian des-

of the driest tract of land on



PYRAMIDS: The Pyramids of Giza? Not quite. These monumental look-alikes in the Western Desert of Egypt were created not by man but rather by natural geological processes. Towering 200 feet high, the natural Pyramids are exceptionally resistant to wind erosion. according to Farouk El-Baz. El-Baz believes that the ancient Egyptians constructed their towering structures in the image of such natural landforms, which explains why the Pyramids of Giza have withstood the ravages of wind.

erous landforms that are startling years. in their resemblance to the pyramids in the Nile Valley, startling particularly because these forms have been created not by man but rather by natural geological processes. Moreover, these natural pyramids have been exposed to and withstood the action of the wind for hundreds of thousands of

He believes it is not surprising that apparently no one has made the connection between natural and man-made pyramids until now. "An expert looks at nature and thinks immediately how to modify it for the benefit of man, rather than trying to learn a lesson

cooking in my head for a long time. I looked at some of these structures over and over again before I made the connection. But, it now seems obvious to me that the ancient Egyptians must have studied such natural desert structures before deciding on the

"This idea has certainly been

They combed the eastern desert and the Sinai for precious metals... (they) roamed the western desert terrain and left their mark..." During these explorations, he believes, they must have seen many natural pyramidal and conicul landforms, as Dr. El Baz himself did on several journeys in the late 1970s into the Egyptian deserts. On one such trip, he saw fir-

> ist the wind. In March and April, he explains, the wind in Egypt's deserts shifts direction. Normally, the winds blow in the general dir-

sthand how nature's pyramids res-



DFORM: This 4-foot high, sphinx-like natural landform was discovered by the Smithsonian's Farouk El-Baz in the Western Desert of Egypt. The Sphinz of ancient Egypt, he ves, may have originated as wind-stable landform, "dressed up" by the Egyptian builders.

ECONOMY

Charging of bank interest debated in the Gulf

By Yathleen Bishtawi

SHARJAH — The banking community in the United Arab Emirates has been sharply reminded recently that it does after all operate in an Islamic society, where in theory the charging of bank interest is strictly haram (forbidden).

To the Prophet Mohammad and all Muslims, interest and usury are the curse of human society -- over the last 12 months a few Western businessmen might have agreed with him, "The curse of Allah be upon the person who takes interest," says the Prophet in the Hadith, Indeed, the Prophet was reported to have felt so strongly about the matter that he once threatened to go to war with a neighbouring tribe for their practice of making money out of money.

For years, nevertheless, the merchant community in the Gulf has functioned on the assumption that without interest the wheels of commerce and banking would not function at all. They are adept at shopping around for the most favourable rate, frequently playing one bank off another, and are as knowledgeable about dollar and sterling rates as any international businessman.

Yet in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) the subject is, officially, quietly brushed under the carpet, and apart from the emergence in the past five years of Islamic banking, which has been

given all official encouragement. little has been done to stop local and foreign banks from effectively charging interest, sometimes under another name. In Saudi Arabia, the banks have to charge

"commission on profit."
In Qatar, where the government has attempted to keep domestic rates to less than 7 per cent, the result has been an outflow of money from the country. resulting in a severe tightening of

However, when international interest rates soared last year to 20 per cent and more, domestic lending rates in the Gulf also went up. and as rates went up, so the disputes began. Over the last yearon so, the UAE has witnessed a spate of legal cases between banks and their clients when borrowers have attempted to avoid paying interest on religious grounds.

In the UAE there are two kinds of courts - the civil courts, which deal with all commercial disputes. and the Islamic Shaaria courts, which deal largely with personal matters and criminal cases. The UAE Constitution, however, sta-

country is Islam and the Koran. In the past this had rurely caused conflict in the civil courts, until the question of bank interest eme-

Claimants in such cases have argued that as the basis of all law is the Koran, any such contracts which include interest provisions are unenforceable in law and therefore null and void.

Judges in previous cases have had little option but to agree, though some have called for contracts to be fulfilled. The discrepancies in verdicts caused increasing nervousness among bankers and judges, who hesitated to pronounce decisions contradicting the laws of

However, now the UAE is experiencing a test case involving a nephew of the Dubai ruler and six UAE and international banks. Some two years ago Sheikh Mohammad bin Khalifa Al Maktoum borrowed \$16 million to finance in part the construction of a shop and office complex. The spread at the time was a substantial 2.25 per cent above the London inter-bank offered rate, reflecting the banks'

attitude to property investments. However, when rents took a tumble, the payments on principal and interest stopped coming, and the syndicate of banks met to consider the matter. Sheikh Mohammad pre-empted their decision by issuing a writ in Ahu Dhahi. calling for a rescheduling of his

tes that the basis of all law in the loan and exemption from the int- Surour bin Mohammad al Nahreligious grounds.

In view of the patchy and conwas sought by the local bankers' association from the UAE govemment. It came shortly before the Abu Dhabi case was due to begin, in the form of a declaration to the local press from the UAE central bank chairman. Sheikh

crest accrued, basing his case on avan. He stated that in future all disputes between banks and their clients should be handled by the government could obstruct that fusing record on the matter of civil courts in the UAE, and that if eventuality. bank interest, a definitive ruling a contract existed between the two parties it could be enforced.

An almost audible sigh of relief was heard from the banking community which had become increasingly nervous about lending to the UAE at all.

point out, it is the right of any Muslim to have his case heard in an Islamic court - and no Muslim

Furthermore, the Justice authorities are now understood to have called a meeting of all judges in the UAE to discuss the tricky question, and to have told them to use their own discretion in any he UAE at all.

However, as legal experts here
future interest cases.
FROM THE FINANCIAL TIMES

China's national income up 6.9%

PEKING, May 1 (R) - China published its most detailed economic statistics to date, disclosing a 7.5 per cent rise in the urban cost of living index last year and an increase of nearly seven per cent in its nearest equivalent to a gross national pro-

An official communique on the 1980 national plan said the world's most populous nation now had 982.5 million mouths to feed, 11.6 million more than in 1979--a rise exceeding the entire population of Portugal.

The communique revealed a string of industrial problems, including urban unemployment, falling energy production, over-burdened transport and slow and inadequate returns on investment in capital construction.

However it revised grain output for last year slightly upwards to 318.2 million tonnes, and said harvests had been fairly good, despite serious drought and flooding in two provinces,

Agricultural output value was up 2.7 per cent at 1970 prices and average annual income for each of the country's 800 million peasants, in addition to their basic food, was up three per cent to 85.9 yuan (\$53.60) last year.

Revised trade figures for last year indicated a deficit of 1.9 billion yuan (\$1.2 billion), more than double the figure announced in January but still much lower than the 3.1 billion yuan (\$1.9 billion) deficit for 1979.

However national income, the nearest equivalent to Gross National Product (GNP) in this communist country, rose 6.9 per cent to 363 billion yuan (\$227 billion) at 1970 prices. This was despite a fall in energy production of 1.3 per cent, including slightly lower coal and crude oil output. Foreign economists said that since this figure

excludes the service sector and makes no provision for replacing wom-out assets a true GNP figure would be perhaps 15 per cent higher.

The communique said the overall level of retail prices rose by six per cent over 1979 due to increuses in prices of farm produce and some manufactured goods. However the urban increase was 8.8 per cent and the rise in rural areas only 4.4 per

Wages of urban workers rose 14.1 per cent but this represented a real increase of only 6.1 per cent after deducting a 7.5 per cent rise in the cost of living index.

LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON, May I (R) - Following are the buying and selling for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at the cle 🛫 trading on the London foreign exchange and bullion markets to

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35.83/93 Belgian francs 1095.00/1099.00 215.50/80 4.7400/7700 5.5300/5500

Italian lire Japanese yen Swedish crowns Norwegian crown 6.9475/9525 Danish crowns One ounce of gold 487,50/488,50 U.S. dollars

LONDON STOCK MARKE

LONDON, May 1 - The market was quietly mixed ahead of long UK holiday weekend, with most sectors showing an eabias. At 1500 the FT index was down 3.6 at 593.7.

Oils were higher, with the leaders as much as 10p up as in Sh but other leaders drifted after initial firmness. ICI was down and in a weak electrical sector, GEC dipped 15p and Plessey v down 12p at 310 ex dividend. Blue Circle, also trading ex c idend, continued firm, adding 2p to 496.

U.S. and Canadians were narrowly mixed. Government bonds continued dull, losing 44 point in shorts a around 3's point at the longer end, dealers said.

Takeover situations dominated the day's trade, with Ro Bank of Scotland, marked down 20p immediately on news bids from Standard Chartered and Hongkong Shanghai had be referred to the monopolies commission, ending 12p down on day at 172. Oloyds and Scottish fell 21p to 196 on small turnor after the non-referral of the bid from Lloyds.

Northern Engineering ended 5p lower at 85 ex dividend at announcing a 28.8 million rights issue while John Laing added, after figures. RTZ gave up 15p of recent gains.

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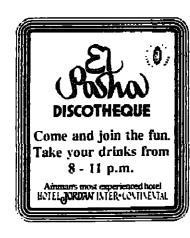


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crew for 'Columbia'

By Howard Benedict

nauts John Young and Bob en are passing their "used" ship Columbia to a new unofficially ending a threessociation with the craft that tried their patience before ng their glowing respect. e you take care of it," Mr. e said last week as he and Crippen transferred Cola's "key" at a news con-

CK We in Houston.

Fromauts Young and Crippen ie tone for the conference. acing a series of jokes and iners with their reports of nbia's "phenomenal" perince on its maiden flight ear-

is month. ey had a right to be relaxed elieved. For all those years had watched and waited, ing out one space shuttle em after another -- little tecthings at first, then the eng-

then the thermal tiles. · launch date, originally set arch 1979, slipped -- and sli--- and slipped.

nally, two years late, Colroared into orbit on April ter 54 1/2 virtually flawless Young and Crippen bro-

ught it back to a picture-perfect landing on an arid runway in California's Mojave desert.

The world's first reflyable spaceship was back on Earth, to be refurbished and taken up again.

"It worked like a dream all the way," Crippen said. "John and I just sat back and enjoyed it." Astronaut Young, the normally

taciturn commander, couldn't contain the superlatives. As he described the performance of each of the systems, he spilled out "superb ... fantastic ... terrific ... remarkable."

Since their return to Earth, they have been closeted with the experts, discussing the flight in detail. They will be called on for more information, and there will be a trip to the White House and other public appearances.

But when they turned in their pilots' reports and held the news conference at the Johnson Space Centre after the flight, it was an unofficial end of their association with Columbia.

They signified that when they summoned the spaceship's second crew. Astronauts Joe Engle and Richard Truly, to the stage and gold-painted key with "Columbia" stamped on it.

The second flight is scheduled in September, "We have only one spacecraft right now and we have to take turns flying it," Young told them. "I hope you take care of it." Astronauts Young and Crippen also said they're getting in line for another flight -- if not on Columbia, one of three other shuttles now planned, Challenger, Atlantis and Discovery.

"I'd love to go up again," Crippen said. Young said the shuttle fleet is going to make a lot of things possible in space, and he wants to be part of them. Meanwhile, he has returned to his old desk job as chief of the astronaut office.

With only minor problems to report, the astronauts showed movies and slides of their trip and answered questions about the view. "It was so beautiful, it's too 'difficult to describe," Crippen

*Seventy-two sunrises and sunsets in 2 1/2 days is what makes space flight really exciting," Young stated. And, no, they

weren't concerned when they saw that a handful of the 30,922 thermal tiles had been damaged on the top of the tail section.

Crippen said one problem they had -- the loss of their toilet four hours before the flight's end -would definitely have to be cor-

"There will be people going up there for a week before long, and they're going to need a commode (toilet)," he said.

Crippen, asked why his heart beat soared to 130 while Young's registered only 85, during the liftoff, replied: "I was excited. I had waited so long, and here it was."

Young, the cool one, commented: "what you don't understand is that I was excited, too. I ust can't make my heart beat any

They beamed a slide of a picture they snapped of Tehran from 277 kilometres up and said they planned to send autographed prints to the 52 Americans once held hostage there, "to show them a picture of their former hom-

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Calling for reforms might rock the boat in Czechoslovakia

By Colin McIntyre

PRAGUE - A debate is raging within Czechoslovakia's "Charter 77" human rights movement, which appears to be in something

of a rut, over its future direction. Put at their simplest the two main arguments are: should the movement continue a policy of direct confrontation with the authorities by a few activists, or should it try to broaden its base by adopting a lower profile?

The debate is dominated by recent events in Poland, where the dissident movement has forged close links with the independent Solidarity trade union and has been a major force in the current reform process.

Czechoslovak dissidents are however pessimistic about the chances of a similar development here in the near future. And not just because of what happened in Czechoslovakia in 1968, when a liberalisation movement ended with a Soviet-led invasion.

"Demands for reform require a certain class consciousness," one leading dissident told reuters, but this has been destroyed in Czechoslovakia. We are a society of middle-class, materialistic values," he added.

"And unlike in Poland, corruption here is so widespread that most of the society are in on it. People do not want to rock the boat by calling for reform."

BY CHARLES H. GOREN

in 1981 by Chicago Tribune

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Another dissident agreed, adding that Czechoslovaks were aware they were materially better off than most, if not all of their east bloc neighbours.

"The division in Czechoslovakia exists within individuals, not within society as a whole," he said. "The majority do not support the government, but they have their weekend cottages and meat every day."

Corruption leads to general demoralisation", another charter member said. "The authorities turn a blind eye to the corruption, because they have an interest in keeping the public conscience at a low level.

It was mainly to raise this level the charter movement was started in Jan. 1977, with 242 original signatories. Other aims were to encourage people to think freely. and to inform them of their civil

The number of signatories swefled to more than 600 in a couple of months, but has been more or less stagnant for the past two years at between 1,000 and 1,100, indicating that the pool of people willing to sacrifice career and livelihood for principles is limited.

Those signing the charter normally lose their jobs, forcing them to find whatever casual work is available, and their children are barred from attending university. One dissident, in a discussion

with two others, justified these

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West attacked with the king and ace of clubs. Declarer ruffed the second

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Confrontation keeps the charter in the public eyes," he said. Police actions against dissidents. and the jailing of some, get reported back through Western radio stations. But another charter member

sacrifices and a policy of active

confrontation as necessary "to

disagreed, arguing there was a large grey area of people in Czechoslovakia who were willing to cooperate with the movement as long as they could remain anonymous, and thus remain in the established system.

He said the grey area, including passive readers of charter material, was widening, while the number of activists continued to be small.

He acknowledged that the quiet approach was in many ways more demanding, requiring patience and discipline. He often had to keep his charter membership to himself, to avoid being ostracised by people afraid of getting into

"It's easy to go forward with banner flying, it's much more difficult to have it furled under the arm and talk quietly with ordinary people." he explained.

He also felt the idea of a handful of people setting an example by their sucrifice tended to lend ammunition to critics who have accused the charter of being elitist.

"I have found it sometimes more difficult to express an opinion within the charter than in society." he said, adding: "only when people in the charter can be critical towards themselves will it be

a real model for others." He said the first critical voices within the movement caused great animosity, but this had been largely smoothed over and the charter had been strengthened.

That the movement is still functioning despite a fierce campaign by the authorities over the past two years to break it was demonstrated when it sent a letter to the ruling Communist Party's Congress here earlier this month protesting against the detention of some 30 dissidents just before the meeting opened.

Western diplomats in Prague said the authorities had effectively neutralised the charter for the time being, but had not succeeded in eliminating it.

The biggest news about the charter is that it still exists," one diplomat observed. (Reuter)



"It's easy to find Harriet in a grocery store. She always leaves a trail."

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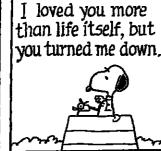
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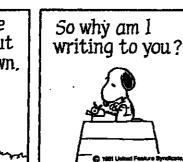
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Commander John Young (right) and pilot Robert Crippen holding a model of the spacecraft Columbia

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UMBLE THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Henri Arnold and Bob Lea

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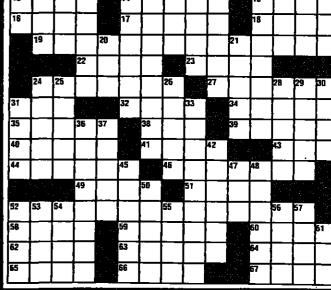
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N. Ireland on deathwatch as Mrs. Thatcher repeats 'No' to Sands' demands

give up hope that the hunger-

strikers would accept the Pope's

The papal intervention was the

latest twist in what has become a

grim death watch for Northern

Ireland. An upsurge of violence in

the province is widely expected to

For the past two weeks there

have been outbreaks of shooting

and rioting and police said about

12 shots were fired at a police pat-

rol in Belfast. No one was hurt.

follow Mr. Sands' death.

plea for them to stop the fast.

BELFAST, May 1 (Agencies) --- British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher has refused to grant political status to jailed Irish guerrillas as hungerstriker Bobby Sands neared death in a Belfast prison and another hunger-striker was reported in a weakening condition.

WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Top Spanish army general to be relieved

MADRID, May 1 (A.P.) - The commander of the Spanish

army's crack armoured division, Maj. Gen. Jose Juste Fernandez,

will be relieved of his command, reportedly for links with the

right-wing military attempt to overthrow the government two

months ago, defence ministry sources said yesterday. The sources

said the 63-year-old general would be relieved of command by

Premier Leopoldo Calvo Sotelo at the next cabinet meeting May

8. There was no official comment from the government or the

army. But defence ministry sources said the change of command

was connected with the abortive Feb. 23 attempt to overthrow the

government when paramilitary Civil Guards seized the lower

house of the Spanish parliament and held the representatives

hostage at gunpoint for 18 hours. During the assault on par-

liament, units of the Firo Brunete Armoured Division com-

manded by Gen. Juste briefly seized control of the state television.

China to limit population to 1.2 billion

JAKARTA, May 1 (A.P.) - China hopes to limit its population

to 1.2 billion by the end of the century in order to become a

planners has been told. The world's most populous nation des-

cribed its fertility control measures to the conference which was in its last day yesterday. A statement by Ms. Li Xiuzhen, vice-

president of the Chinese Family Planning Association, said a

"one-couple-one-child" plan would have to be adopted to meet

the goal. It is imperative to limit the total population of China

within 1.2 billion in order to achieve modernisation in agriculture,

industry, national development and science and technology by the

end of this century to develop national economy and improve the

people's livelihood to the level of a moderately well off state," her

statement said. The state statistical bureau in Peking has reported

that China had a population of 982.5 million at the end of 1980.

World's longest narrow-gauge tunnel

OBERWALD, Switzerland, May 1 (A.P.) - Eight years of dri-

Iling deep below Alpine peaks were ceremoniously completed

yesterday on the world's longest narrow-gauge tunnel, a 15.4

kilometre railroad stretch beneath the Furka Pass. The tunnel is

part of the scenic Furka Oberwald line of Switzerland's dense

railroad network. Thus far, this stretch has been fully operational

only during four and a half months every year because of deep

snow and the danger of avalanches. The new all-weather link will

be open next year to passenger trains and piggy-back trains that

can carry up to 100,000 cars annually. Total construction costs are

expected to be 300 million Swiss francs (\$155 million) -- four

Dalai Lama plans 3-week tour of U.S.

NEW DELHI, May I (A.P.) - The Dalai Lama, the exiled

god-king of Tibet, will undertake a three-week tour of the United

States in July, his spokesman said yesterday. The 45-year-old

Dalai Lama will lecture on "Kalachakra" -- a Buddhist phi-

losophical system taught only by the Tibetan high priest -- at the

University of Wisconsin in Madison during the visit, his second to the United States, spokesman Tashi Wangdi reported. The Tib-

etan leader may also lecture at Harvard University, Mr. Wangdi

said, adding that the tour has been sponsored by a Madison-based

Buddhist organisation, the "Deer Park," During the first visit to

the United States by a Dalai Lama in September-October 1979,

the spiritual leader addressed campus and religious groups and

Sacked Air India officials to go to court

NEW DELHI, May 1 (R) - One of five Air India officials.

sacked after the attempted sabotage of a plane due to carry Prime

Minister Indira Gandhi, said they would challenge the decision in

court. Sacked Deputy Engineering Director A.S. Karnik told the

Indian Express newspaper in Bombay there was no reason for the

dismissals. Air India sacked Mr. Karnik and three senior security

officers earlier this week. The airline gave no reason. But the

decision came two days after the government announced that four

cuble systems had been intentionally cut in a Boeing 707 aircraft

due to take Mrs. Gandhi to Geneva and the Gulf next week.

Police said last night that four people, including three other Air

India employees and one former official, had been arrested in

connection with the attempted sabotage. The government said the

plane could have crashed during Mrs. Gandhi's tour had the faults

not been detected. The prime minister leaves for Geneva on

visited Tibetan communities across the country.

times the original estimate.

moderately well-off state, an international conference of

Mrs. Thatcher, in a statement to the British parliament, said: "There can be no question of granting political status to convicted criminals now or at all."

She spoke as Pope John Paul's personal emissary, Father John Magee, was leaving Belfast on his way back to Rome after three fruitless attempts to persuade Mr.

Sands to give up his hunger strike. Father Magee made similar attempts inside Belfast's Maze prison to persuade three other jailed guerrillas of the outlawed Irish Republican Army (IRA) to call off hunger strikes which they began after Mr. Sands.

In a statement before his departure. Father Mages refused to testant part-time soldier killed in an IRA ambush on Tuesday.

Meanwhile, Britain's opposition Labour Party spokesman on Northern Ireland visited Mr. Sands this morning in a lastditch attempt to persuade him to give up

Tomas O'Fiaich, Roman Catholic

primate of all Ireland, he made a

private visit to the family of a pro-

In London, 10 supporters of Mr. Sands and three other Irish nationalist guerrillas on hungerstrike barricaded themselves into an office at Labour's headquarters, protesting the party's support for the Conservative goverment's refusal to yield to the hunger strikers' demands to be treated as political prisoners.

Police were summoned to the party headquarters, in London's Kensington district, to try to remove the protesters from a third-

Before leaving Belfast, Father Labour's Northern Ireland spo-Magee visited the bereaved famkesman Don Concannon met briilies of two men murdered in IRA efly with Mr. Sands, now close to death, prison officials said. Accompanied by Cardinal

Labour's intervention was seen as hopeless. It followed the hunger strikers'rejection of a personal plea from Pope John Paul II to the strikers to end the fast for their own lives and all those threatened by potential violence.

A spokesman for Sinn Fein, political front of the outlawed Irish Republican Army dismissed Mr. Concannon as "small beer" ins-

"I doubt very much whether they would have a lot to talk about, 'the Sinn Fein spokesman said of the visit.

Mr. Sands, in the 62nd day of his hunger strike, and Mr. Francis Hughes, 25, without food for 48 days, were both near death, relatives reported.

Of Labour's 255 members in Britain's 635-seat House of Commons, only arch left-winger Tony Benn has urged that Mr. Sands, elected April 9 to the commons, be allowed to take uphis seat, fellow left-wing Labourite Jo Richardson said today.

Miss Richardson said Mr. Benn's suggestion, made during a closed meeting of senior Labourites last week, as "not taken DUTICULARLY SEPROUSIY.

Mr. Benn made no immediate

Mr. John mellon, leader of the group holed up at Labour's headquarters, declared: "We expect the police to evict us forcibly. Labour's bipartisan policy with hdraw from the area and called the Tories is shameful." hdraw from the area and called national police assassins.

A bad sign for Giscard

PARIS, May 1 (R) - An opinion poll due to be published tomorrow shows Socialist François Mitterrand defeating incumbent Val-ery Giscard d'Estaing in the French presidential election runoff on May 10.

The poll, commissioned by the weekly magazine Le Point, gives Mr. Mitterrand 51.5 per cent of voting intentions compared with 48.5 per cent for Mr. Giscard d'Estaing

It is likely to be the last guide to the decisive vote before the legal deadline for publishing polls at midnight tomorrow.

Le Point said the poll organisation had questioned 1,892 people on Monday and Tuesday this week, just after the first-round vote in which Mr. Giscard d'Estaing and Mr. Mitterrand outdistanced their eight rivals to qualify for the run-off.

Of the sample, 16 per cent of those questioned did not express a preference.

Militants call for another Spanish coup

MADRID, May I (A.P.) — Right-wing militants in Madrid shouted encouragements today for another coup in Spain, turning May Day celebrations into their biggest show of strength since an abortive military attempt to overthrow the government two months ago.

Demanding freedom for Civil Guard Lt. Col. Antonio Tejero. indicted for military rebellion in leading 289 of his men to seize the lower house of parliament at gunpoint during the coup attempt, an estimated 20,000 demonstrators raised their arms in the fascist salute amid a field of Spanish flags and chanted repeatedly:

'Tejero, Spain is with you.' "Long Live Franco."

The right-wing Madrid demonstration overshadowed smaller traditional demonstrations by the unions of the Socialist and Communist parties, noticeably subdued since the Feb. 23 coup att-

The right-wing marchers included a German shepherd dog wrapped in the Spanish flag by a group of neo-Nazi youths wearing blue falange shirts and black gloves. It was led by ultra-right leader

In northern Spain, Basque separatists and police clashed in four major provincial capitals after demonstrators shouted for the coup-makers to be punished, demanded the armed forces wit-

Air traffic controllers' strike cripples Heathrow

LONDON. May 1 (A.P.) - London's Heathrow airport, the busiest in Europe, shut down completely this morning as air traffic controllers staged their second mass walkout in a week.

Some 400 international and domestic flights were delayed or diverted because of the seven-hour strike which started at 7.30 a.m. (0630 GMT) Thousands of passengers were stranded or delayed.

Once the Heathrow controllers returned to work this afternoon, 25 controllers at Scotland's Prestwick control centre were due to start a half-day strike.

Only one of the 35 controllers and assistants due on the morning shift at Heathrow turned up -- a non-union member who crossed picket lines to sit at his tower reading a book. "He can do nothing by himself", said John Macreadie, spokesman

for the England Public Servants Association, the air traffic controllers' union, "There will be no flying here during the strike per-The air traffic controllers' strikes are part of a series of rolling

strikes, in their eighth week by Britain's 530,000 civil servants demanding 15 per cent hike and that future raises be geared to salaries of the private sector.

Man sentenced 5 years for threatening Reagan

ORLANDO, Florida, May 1 (A.P.) - A man convicted of writing a blood-stained letter to President Ronald Reagan has been ordered to serve five years in federal prison for threatening the president's life.

U.S. District Judge George C. Young has imposed the maximum sentence for Bobby Deen Wilson. 26, who was in the Seminole County jail awaiting trial in a long. case at the time he was charged with making the threat, which is a federal violation. Wilson was found guilty of writing a threatening letter to President Reagan on Jan. 6, before Mr. Reagan was sworn into office.

Prosecutors said the bloodstained three-page letter said, in part, that Wilson would "put a third eye" in Mr. Reagan's head, even if it "takes 15 years to do it."

Wison's attorney immediately appealed the sentence.

Service agent Don Stebbins, court records show, Wilson boasted of being a member of the Bandidos Motorcycle Gang in Texas, a member of the Ku Klux Klan since the age of 17 and that he was a Klan organiser in Texas and Flo-

In statements made to Secret

The document also stated that Wilson told the federal agent he was "the ignition" of a series of assassinations. "I am the mortar," the document quoted Wilson as saying.

The letter was opened by officer at the Seminole County jail where Wilson was booked on the burglary charge.

Besides the threatening language, the juil officials said they found pictures splattered with blood that was the same type as Wilson's according to testimony in the trial. They said Wilson's bloody thumbprint also was on the But it ain't all flowers for Botha

National Party stays in saddle in Pretoria

JOHANNESBURG, May 1 (R) - South African Prime Minister P.W. Botha faces a dilemma as he plans policy for the next five years after losing votes to both left and right in Wednesday's general ele-

The gains made by the liberal. anti-apartheid Progressive Federal Party (PFP), which raised the number of its seats from 18 to 26, will increase pressure on Mr. Botha to begin to move to the left with some measure of racial reform, political analysts said.

But, more significantly, the large increase in votes for the white supremucist Herstigte Nasionale Party (HNP) will make it more difficult for him to do so without further splitting his already badly-divided party, they said.

Although the HNP did not win a seat, its share of the poll increased fourfold over the last election in 1977 to 190,000.

How close it came to winning a seat is shown by the fact that its 14 per cent share of the 1.35 million votes was only five per cent below what the PFP polled in winning its 26 seats.

Some analysts believe this will shackle Mr. Botha even more than in the last parliament when he significantly muted his suggestions of race reforms in the face of hostility from his own right wing.

Ruling National Party (NP) hardliners could now be expected to point to the HNP tally as voter backlash against any lowering of the country's apartheid (racial segregation) barriers.

Prof. Willem Kleynhans, head of the political science department at the University of South Africa, commented: "If he (Mr. Botha) opts for real change, which is the expectation of thousands who supported him, he will have to deal now with a far more hostile

"The paralysis that afflicted him after his "adapt or die" speeches in 1979, because of his fear of offending the party's right wing, will not go away."

But the jubilant PFP, still a tiny band compared to the NP, which won a mammoth 131 of the 165 seats, see their gains as pointing the direction for the government to follow,

PFP leader Frederik van Zyl Slabbert said: "I hope he gets the message: go for clear-cut, una-

mbiguous reform. Dr. Slabbert's Cape Town home was badly damaged by fire last night, and a senior fireman said arson was suspected. The ↓1 -vear-old opposition leader and his family were not harmed.

Commenting on the election, noted Afrikaans historian and political analyst Hermann Giliomee said that by already allowing some reforms to creep in, such as the unionisation of black labour, Mr. Botha had committed himself too far to go back now.

"He cannot reject all altematives while keeping all options

One thing is clear: the cracks in the National Party cannot be mended. I cannot see the party putting itself together again. It has lost too much support to the right, and the prime minister does not have the option of reversing the direction he has chosen."

Mr. Botha himself made light of the nine per cent drop in the NP's share of the poll to 57 per cent and

the embarrassing defeat of Industries and Tourism Minister Dawie de Villiers, the first cabinet minister to lose an election since

the NP came to power in 1948. "I am convinced that we have received enough votes from the country to be able to continue with what we are doing. We will continue with the direction we have taken and we will not be pushed from our course," he said.

"We have been in power 33 years and are still maintaining a two-thirds majority. That is quite an achievement."

indeed, the NP tally was only three seats short of the record 134 it captured in the 1977 election under Prime Minister John Vor-

But what Mr. Botha has never made clear is precisely why he called an election now, 18 months early, and what he hoped to get

Officially, he has said one reason was that a large number of vacancies and the creation of new constituencies through delimitation would have necessitated a costly series of more than 30 by-elections anyway.

Rock-throwin mars May Da in Zurich

ZURICH, May 1 (A.P.) — f of rock-throwing youths shat shop windows in the heart of tzerland's largest city today later sought to disrupt official Day ceremonies by shouting speakers, notice said speakers, police said.

Authorities twice fired rour rubber bullets to disperse knots of suspected troublem: roaming downtown streets. persons were detained for ide checks, police said.

No estimate about the exter χ_{ij}^{ij} damage was immediately avai from the disturbances, the late - 1 1 2 2 an intermittent series of some violent youth protests that b 11 months ago. Zurich had calm since the opening early month of a self-administ counter-culture centre for yo which had been the principal." and of the amorphous and litical movement.

Speakers during the May ceremonies were interrupted youths shouting demands for t affordable housing in Zurich for amnesty for persons is prosecution on charges stemr from previous demonstrati

May Day in Red Square

MOSCOW, May 1 (A.P.) - Under a forest of .red flags, hundreds of thousands of chanting Soviet youths and workers poured through Red Square today in the annual May Day parade. Banners proclaimed Soviet economic achievements and condemned U.S. military policies.

Several senior Western diplomats boycotted the parade for a second year to protest Soviet military intervention in Afghanistan. The United States sent only two lower-ranking members of its embassy delegation.

President Leonid Brezhnev, 74, Premier Nikolai Tikhonov, 75, and other members of the Soviet leadership watched the 90-minute parade from a reviewing stand atop Lenin's Mausoleum in chilly 5°C, weather, and waved to the marchers as they passed.

Some observers said there seemed to be more posters of Mr. Brezhnev this year than in previous

Two aides hovered near the Soviet leader as he walked steadily up to the reviewing stand at the start of the parade to the accompaniment of music,

Mr. Brezhnev, who has looked unwell in re months, appeared largely expressionless and n aged only small waves as the marchers passed

The young uniformed marchers who led of parade were followed by hundreds of thousance Moscow workers, bearing pictures of Soviet . ders, balloons, huge paper flowers and signs i claiming industrial and foreign policy ievements.

One sign declared: "No to U.S. nuclear

Since early 1980, some Western embassies, j ticularly those of NATO member countries, h refused to send their top diplomats to Soviet ades to protest the Soviet intervention in A hanistan. The top officials of at least 11 West embassies - those of the United States, Briti-France, West Germany, Belgium, Greece, the No. herlands, Canada, Australia, Ireland and Japan were believed absent from the parade today. Note: these embassies confirmed they were acting for political motives, however.

Ferment among Indian farmer

Western India's angry farmers are in bitter confrontation with Mrs. Gandhi's government. Just recently ten of them died in clashes with the police. and the farmer's movement is becoming highly org-

By Y.Y. Sharma

NEW DELHI: The small Indian town of Nipani, in Karnataka State, won notoriety recently as police fought protesting tobacco farmers. Ten farmers were killed. and Mr. Sharad Joshi, charismatic leader of the six-month-old farmers' agitation, was taken to jail -a sudden and alarming shift in what had been until now a nonviolent movement.

The events clearly showed the depth of farmers' grievances, and the seriousness with which Mrs. Indira Gandhi's government views them. Farmers comprise more than 80

per cent of India's 684 million population, and contribute more than 40 per cent to the gross national product.

Western India's angry farmers, like their counterparts in other states, have puzzled the government and local politicians alike by their grim determination to press demands for better prices.

For the past 30 years, politicians have vied to gain the farmers' support, only to find that when the relatively well-to-do and increasingly better-educated farmers organise themselves they can be as effective as any union. Mr. Joshi's protest movement

has caused deep concern both in Delhi and in the five states where protests have so far been mou-Nipani has been the centre of

agitation since March 14. The farmers have been taking steadily tougher action in demanding higher prices for their products.

It is an agitation with a difference. It is not like the oftenpublicised protests of the landless labourers - the Harijans (untouchables). Nor is it an ideological battle. It has nothing to do with the caste system which traditionally divides the country.

The revolt is led by modern,

educated men like Mr. Joshi, who can be described almost as "capitalist farmers." It centres on questions of income, prices and inputs. At least in Western India, the detour.

rings and to break the traditional tranquillity of the countryside. The tobacco growers, from

agitation is beginning to loosen

agriculture from its feudal moo-

lements, carrying small flags and waving red banners proclaiming their demands for higher prices. All vehicles between the key towns of Bangalore, capital of Kamataka, and Poona, a main industrial centre of Maharashtra, have had to make a 200-kilometre

> For more than three weeks, the Karnataka government had stood by, ordering its police not to use force. Mr. Joshi was aware that the

smoked widely in India).

In that time, several thousand

highway with their cattle and imp-

authorities wanted to wear the agi-**Maharashtra** Miles Kms

about 200 villages around Nipani, have blockaded the main Bangalore-Poona highway for about a month. The rasta roko ("close the roads") agitation has won widespread support from the tobacco farmers who eke out a bare existence by selling their produce to manufacturers of bidis tating farmers out.

He was sure the government would eventually have to arrest him. Alternative solutions -- like the farmers' co-operatives proposed by the government -- were unacceptable. Then, the government ordered Mr. Joshi's arrest and the removal of the blo-

(a small leaf-wrapped eigarette chade. Farmers attacked the ice, who fired on them, killing and wounding 600 more. T

farmers had been squatting on the arrested more than 2,000. Mr. Joshi's movement is: ching on in other states, althor it is mainly confined to wes -India. But farmers all over country are discontented and in question of time before the million ement envelops all the states. .

Mr. Joshi, unknown a months ago, is an unlikely agite and an even less typical farr Once an international civil serin Geneva, the 45-year-old (1) Joshi bought a 16-acre farm Poona. Mr. Joshi, who descr himself as a practising econon, said: "I soon discovered that terms of trade were loaded heat

against the rural areas. 'We are entirely dependen described the urban areas for payment, y. bring our crops in times of ple to the markets and sell at owaway prices which do not n even our costs of production times of shortage, there is

enough to sell to make a prof-He has a two-nation theory India: the farmers versus the dwellers. He thinks the systesuch that the disorganised iculturists, despite being the

majority, get a hopeless deal. Mr. Joshi started with orgrowers in the middle of last y when there was an onion glut. strategy is an adaptation of M. atma Gandhi's civil disobedie and defiance of the authorities. . organises his followers to bk roads, besiege legislators and a

cibly occupy government offk... He spurns politicians: "No fa itical party can seriously be 5 erested in farmers getting no unerative prices. All these f. itical leaders and all these purare part of the system which is been deliberately exploiting mers since independence in a t form of colonial exploitation

The difference is that Mr. Just does not want to be elected. Al ?? wants is to organise the farm's like unions so that they get a be? deal. In doing so, his movem: threatens to throw India's 10 rural areas into ferment.

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